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Among the 350 bills introduced in the United States Senate during the four days' session of the past week, two introduced by Senator Plumb, of Kansas, are of special interest to agriculturists. The first provides for the forfeiture of lands granted to railroads that have not been completed within the time specified in the act of incorporation, and for the opening of these to public settlement. The passage of this bill would restore to the public domain many million acres of unearned land now controlled by unfinished Pacific railroads. The second bill introduced by Senator Plumb provides that all lands granted to railroad companies under the original Pacific Railroad act of July 1, 1862, and all acts amendatory thereof, and to which the companies would have become entitled on payment of costs of surveying, selecting and conveying, shall be subject to all legal taxes, the same as they would have been had such costs been paid and the lands conveyed to the companies. Under existing laws lands granted to rairoads are exempt from all taxation until surveyed and conveyed to to the companies, and in order to avoid taxation these have been deferring the transaction. Efforts have been made in previous Congresses to pass a bill of this kind, but railroad influence has always been too powerful.

Leavenworth, of the likelihood of a on her return voyage from higher latigeneral' uprising of the Indians in the tudes. mountains of Colorado, Utah and New Mexico next spring. It is reported on tion of which is on the press, will be good authority, by scouts and frontiers-men long familiar with the Utes, Piutes, and Navajoes, that these tribes intend uniting to fight the whites when Ex-President Thiers accompaning an as is well known, considerable disaffection and grumbling among these tribes A full-page portrait of Queen Margaret farly well disposed to make an outbreak and induce the others to take a part in it, because, much against their will, they were removed, only a short time ago, from their lands in Colorado to a Garfield (from an artotype by Edward new reservation in Utah. It is more than suspected that the dissatisfaction among the Utes is encouraged by their white neighbors, the Mormons, who, in addition to keeping alive in their minds the sense and reccollection of their wrongs, are supplying them with arms and ammunition to avenge them. The outlook for the spring is such as to arouse grave apprehensions on the border, and everything indicates that our much tried army, or that fragment of it under General Pope's command. will have to do much rough riding and long marching during next spring and

in Congress at a single session is rather many. If it keeps on at this rate the contestants will be in the majority. There are two from Virginia, four from Alabama, four from South Carolina, Tribune for 1882 will be found in anone from Louisians, two from Mississip- other column. The Tribane needs no pi, one from Missouri, and one from commendation. As an authority in Florida. As every one of these fifteen political, commercial and literary matcontestants are from solid Democratic ters its reliability cannot be controverdistricts, and the grounds of the con- ted, and is too well established to retests are based upon false counting, quire comment. The mantle of Horace buildozing, and ballot-box stuffing, the Greeley has fallen upon worthy should majority in the House have nothing to ers, and The Tribune's advocacy of the fully investigate the charges. The ev- and property is as fearless as in the said to be so flagrant that the elections discussion of the leading questions of will be set aside. A reproof cannot be the day, its bright and fearless editortoo rigidly administered to men who sais, and its choice literary contents beek representation in Congress through have combined to render it one of the agency of fraud in any form.

SPEAKER KEIFER'S name is pronounced with a long "i" sound to the partment is excelled by no similar pefirst syllable. "means "scold" in German, which is eminous.

of Massachusetts, was appointed Tues- Taylor and Isaac I. Hayes, were born tlay last, as the successor of Judge in Chester county, Pennsylvania, and Clifford on the United States Supreme it is remarkable that the fathers and Bench.

Confederate notoriety in an interview ents of Dr. Hayes live in Westchester, published in the Philadelphia Press, and were at the funerl of their distincharges Jefferson Davis with stealing guished son last week. two million dollars from the Confederacy, while his army was suffering.

Postmaster General.

THE news from the steamber Jennnette, of the American Arctic Exploration Expedition, will be received with intense satisfaction throughout the civilized world. She had been given up for lost. Two expeditions have been sent out in search of her, returning without tidings, and the anxiety had so increased concerning her fate, that, she had not been heard from, no less than three, and probably four, search. Nice Assortment, Money may be sent at our risk by Postemee ing expeditions would have been organized by as many different Governments and sent out during the coming

The Lieutenaut Governor of Eastern Siberia became interested in the fate of the Jeannette, and organized a searching party to go in quest of her. It is not stated at what point the Jeannette was found, though the information will preently be given, when the Tuesday neon to insure insertion in that week's fuller details of the matter are made public.

It is now something over four years,

if we remember, since the expedition

outfitted by James Gordon Bennett, of the New York Herald, and commanded by Lieutenant De Long, set sail from San Francisco on a voyage of discovery to the North Pole. After reaching Wrangell's Land she was not heard from, nor were any indications tound by subsequent searching parties by which her further course could be determined. It is improbable that she has spent all the intervening time in cruising along the eastern coast of Si-She would have been heard of in that case by Professor Nordenskiold's expedition which made a successful northeast passage, and must have crossed her course. The probabilities are that the Jeannette went far to the north and was on her return voyage when discovered by the Siberian searching party. Whether she actually reached the pole, or how pear she approached it, are matters only of conjecture; but that she has added to the sum of information concerning the frozen regions of the North is highly probable. She could hardly spend four or five years in high northern latitudes without doing so. Farther news will

be, therefore, anxiously awaited. Advices received at the State Department materially qualify the first news received from the Jeannette expedition It appears from these that the Jeannette of goods. was crushed in the ice while in the Arctic Ocean, off the coast of eastern Siberia and not far from the mouth of you money. the Lena River, a stream already made familiar by the explorations of Professor Nordenskjold. The officers and crew abanoned the vessel, taking to their boats, one of which was still missing at last accounts.

It is not stated when the accident to General Pope's headquarters at Fort ably a recent event, and while she was

article by the Hon. Elihu B. Washof Italy is given in connection with an article on the making of Burano lace, for which the Princess Louise of England has made a sketch. The number Bierstadt, N. Y.), which will accompany an anecdotal paper by Colonel A. F, Rockwell, entitled "from Mentor to Elberon." The immediate friends of the late President regard this portrait as giving a somewhat different phase of the late President's character from that presented by the engraving by Cole in the December Century, and as revealing his affectionate qualities, while the latter was especially strong on the intellectual side of his nature. The artotype is also interesting as being the portrait Mrs. Garfield selected to send to Queen Victoria. The sale of the November and December Cen-SEVENTEEN contested election cases tury still continues. A new edition of nine thousand of the latter number has just been issued.

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